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URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF PADIHAM.

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ANNUAL REPORT
of the
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
for the
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 1955.



J. W. J. FORSYTHE, MB., CHB., BAO.
Medical Officer of Health.

PADIHAM URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Town Hall,
PADIHAM.

4th June, 1956.

To the Chairman and Members of the Urban District Council of Padiham.

Mr. Chairman, Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my thirtieth Annual Report dealing with the health of the inhabitants of Padiham during 1955.

Acting on the instructions of the Ministry of Health this will be an interim report, confined to essential or urgent matters which have affected the Public Health during the year, such as, overcrowding, sanitation, distribution of clean food, and outbreaks of infectious diseases etc.

VITAL STATISTICS.

Population:- Estimated population in 1955 - 10,030.

	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>
Number of live births registered:-			
Legitimate	133	78	55
Illegitimate	3	1	2
	<u>136</u>	<u>79</u>	<u>57</u>

Birth rate per 1,000 estimated population:-	Crude	13.6	
	Adjusted	14.1	
	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>

Number of stillbirths:-

Legitimate	6	5	1
Illegitimate	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>
	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>1</u>

Stillbirth rate per 1,000 total births. - 42.0

Number of deaths registered:- Males 81. Females 82. Total 163.

Death rate per 1,000 estimated population:-	Crude.	16.3.
	Adjusted.	15.3.

Respiratory T.B. death rate..... Nil.
Death rate from Malignant neoplasms..... 2.99
Maternal mortality rate per 1,000 total births..... Nil.

Infant Deaths:-

Deaths under 1 year of age:- Males 2. Females Nil. Total 2.
Deaths under 4 years of age:- Males 2. Females Nil. Total 2.

Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births:- 15.
Pro-natal mortality rate per 1,000 live births:- 15.

Causes of death:-

Syphilitic disease.	1
Infective and parasitic diseases.	2
Malignant neoplasm - Stomach.	5
" " - Lungs.	11
" " - Breast.	2
" " - Uterus.	1
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms.	10
Leukaemia.	1
Diabetes.	1
Vascular lesions of nervous system.	33
Coronary disease, angina.	22
Hypertension with heart disease.	2
Other heart diseases.	30
Other circulatory diseases.	12
Influenza.	1
Pneumonia.	3
Bronchitis.	9
Gastritis, enteritis.	1
Nephritis and nephrosis.	2
Congenital malformations.	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases.	7
Accidents.	4
Suicide.	2

SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

The unemployment which occurred during 1952 and which was more or less confined to Cotton Operatives was still fairly prevalent during 1955.

Most of the mills in Padiham run their own canteens and these should be encouraged and used more than they are, by the workers.

The County Council has control of two nurseries in the area where children under school age, of women engaged in industry, are looked after, and regarding these nurseries the only complaint is the supervision is not strict enough in times of epidemics.

All the schools in the district provide dinners for the scholars and this is to be highly commended.

In connection with the welfare of the old people, a voluntary association has been set up and is doing valuable work, such as, letter writing, doing shopping when necessary, giving advice, and arranging for domestic help in cases of sickness.

So far as the health of the aged is concerned there is no doubt that the sons and daughters will have to bear their fair share of looking after them and not leave it to others.

The health of the inhabitants has been fairly good during the year and so far as recreations are concerned full advantage was taken of all the facilities controlled by the Local Authority and the various Sunday Schools.

A new association has been started in Padiham to help handicapped and disabled people and very valuable work is being done in this respect.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.WATER SUPPLY:-

The water supply has been good both in quantity and quality. Chemically and bacteriologically the water has been excellent.

The following are the results of bacteriological and chemical examinations carried out in 1955.

Bacteriological examinations - No. 16.

Results - B. coli per 100 c.c.

0 in 15 samples.

1 in 1 sample.

Chemical examination:-

1. Sample of water from tap at Town Hall, Padiham.
2. Sample of water from tank at Wall Green, Padiham.
3. Sample of untreated water from Churn Clough Reservoir, Padiham.
4. Sample of water from tap at Brook House, Whins Lane, Padiham.
5. Sample of water from tap at "Tainvu", Haugh Ave., Simonstone.

	<u>Sample 1.</u>	<u>Sample 2.</u>	<u>Sample 3.</u>	<u>Sample 4.</u>	<u>Sample 5.</u>
Colour	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Odour	Nil	Diesel Oil.	Nil	Nil	Nil
Taste	Nil	-	-	Nil	Nil
Appearance	Clear & Bright.	Turbid with slight red deposit.	Clear	and	Bright.
pH Value	6.9	7.1	7.1	7.2	7.2
Nitrogen - Free & Saline.	0.106	0.002	Nil	Nil	Nil
Albuminoid.	0.007	Nil	0.018	Nil	Nil
Nitrous.	0.006	Nil	0.001	Nil	Nil
Nitric.	0.6	Nil	0.165	0.245	0.165
Free CO ₂ .	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
Hardness - Temporary.	8	12	7	8	8
Permanent.	37	28	27	28	29
Free Chlorine.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Carbonate	0.5	0.7	0.4	0.5	0.5
Nitrate.	2.66	Nil	0.730	1.09	0.730
Chloride.	16	13	14	14	13
Total Solids	75	80	70	90	95
Oxygen absorbed in 4 hrs.	0.3	0.75	0.15	Nil	0.16
Lead Pb	Nil	Nil	Nil	0.08	Nil
Copper Cu	0.040	0.040	0.020	0.040	0.020
Iron Fe	0.32	1.74	0.24	0.24	0.16
Zinc Zn	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05

All results expressed in parts per million.

OBSERVATIONS.

All the samples are from a chemical point of view of very good quality, free from any deleterious matter and suitable for all purposes of domestic supply.

WATER SUPPLY (continued):

Sample two had a slight odour of diesel oil or paraffin (Kerosene) which is probably derived from some very local contamination of short duration.

Sample number four shows a trace of lead probably derived from lead piping. The amount is not significant but larger and more significant amounts of lead might be taken up by the water standing in lead pipes for any length of time.

Sample two showed a slight deposit of hydrated oxide of iron which accounts for the relatively high iron content.

SANITARY INSPECTIONS DURING THE YEAR.

Houses - Public Health Act.	152
Houses - Housing Act.	49
Fireguard Act.	5
Common Lodging Houses.	14
Infectious Disease Cases.	20
Rodent Control.	138
Revisits.	118
Factories.	28
Workshops.	50
Shops Act.	606
Smoke observations.	7
Fish and Chip Shops.	31
Bakehouses.	41
Food Premises.	38
Butchers Shops.	38
Ice Cream Premises.	29
Markets.	55
Slaughterhouses.	363
Milk Sampling.	24
Ice Cream Sampling.	12
Tinned and other foods.	9
Houses disinfected.	16
Houses disinfested.	3
Domestic Refuse Collection.	87
Trade Refuse Collection.	58
Refuse Disposal (Tips).	311
Salvage.	340
Miscellaneous.	312
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DERATISATION AND DISINFESTATION.(a) RODENT CONTROL:-

This is effectively controlled by the Rodent Operator. Sausage rusk bait and Zinc Phosphide poison, also damp bread mash and arsenic oxide poison were used.

(b) DISINFESTATION:-

Eight premises were dealt with for vermin, five for cockroaches, two for fleas, and one for crickets.

The refuse tip was periodically dusted with D.D.T. powder to ensure cockroach and cricket control.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.BAKEHOUSES:--

The number of bakehouses on the register is 14. These have been regularly inspected. No contraventions were noted.

DAIRIES AND COWSHEDS:--

All the dairies and cowsheds were periodically inspected.

Number of Dairy farms in the district	6
Number of persons registered as distributors of milk.	44
Number of dealers licensed to use Special Designation "Tuberculin Tested"	8
Number of dealers licensed to use Special Designation "Pasteurised".	12
Number of dealers licensed to use Special Designation "Sterilised".	10
Total number of approvals.	<u>80</u>

MEAT REGULATIONS:--

These have been closely watched by the Sanitary Inspector during the year.

FOOD PREPARATION:--

Regular and frequent visits were made to food preparing premises and it is a pleasure to report that it has not been necessary to make any official representation.

Number of premises registered for sale or manufacture of ice cream.	48
Number of premises registered for preparation or manufacture of sausage, or potted, pressed, pickled or preserved food.	43
Total number of registrations during the year.	3

FOOD POISONING:--

No cases of food poisoning were reported during the year.

OFFENSIVE TRADES.

The following offensive trades are now in existence in the area.

Tripe Boiler.	1
Size Maker.	1
Fish Fryers.	12

These premises were inspected on 31 occasions.

COMMON LODGING HOUSES.

There is one registered common lodging house in the district and 14 visits of inspection were made during the year.

The prospects of this lodging house being closed within the near future seem very bright and this will be very welcome news.

SMOKE OBSERVATION.

An attempt to stimulate interest in smoke abatement was made by the Local Authority during the year when a Cinema Show was organised. The attendance was very poor.

No serious smoke nuisances were observed during the year.

HOUSING.

(a) Number of new houses erected during the year - 38.

(b) Number of houses erected under the various acts:-

1.	Housing Act. 1919.	31
2.	Housing Act. 1923-24.	170
3.	Housing Act. 1930-36.	228
4.	Housing Act. 1936-46.	21
5.	Housing Act. 1946-51.	228
	Total	<u>678</u>

OVERCROWDING.

No overcrowding as set down in the Housing Act, was observed during the year, although seven cases of complaints were submitted to the Committee.

HOUSING CONDITIONS.

Preliminary surveys show that 63 houses have been considered as unfit houses at the present time and that 246 houses will fall into the same category in 10 years time.

To give some indication of the extent of the shortage of houses it is only necessary to state that there are 130 families in lodgings, 59 without children, and the rest with 1, 2, 3, or 4 children.

Over 100 aged persons are seeking one bed-roomed bungalows.

Housing schemes are in progress to try and alleviate these conditions.

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

1955 was more or less a normal year apart from an outbreak of measles which however was mild in character - no deaths being recorded.

The following cases of Infectious Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) were notified during the year.

Scarlet Fever	15
Measles.	191
Whooping Cough.	2
Chicken Pox.	3

TUBERCULOSIS.

The following cases of Tuberculosis were notified during the year:-

Respiratory	4
Non-respiratory	1

All new cases are thoroughly investigated and followed up.

Immediate contacts are X-rayed, given the Montouse Test, and examined by the Chest Physician.

It is hoped to have another visit by the Mass-Radiographic Unit in 1957 and an even better response should be obtained.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the Clerk of the Council, the Sanitary Inspector and the Surveyor for their loyal co-operation during the year.

I am,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

J. W. J. FORSYTHE,

Medical Officer of Health.



URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF PADIHAM.

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Y E A R E N D I N G D E C E M B E R 31st, 1955.

FRANK HEWITT., A.P.San.I.,M.S.I.A.

Sanitary Inspector and
Cleansing Superintendent.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SANITARY INSPECTOR AND CLEANSING SUPERINTENDENT.
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st. DECEMBER, 1955.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Mr. Chairman, Madam, and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit to you my Annual Report for the year 1955.

1. Inspection of District:-

(a) No of Inspections and visits made during the year:-

Houses-Public Health Act.	152
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(b) Number of complaints investigated during the year:-

Aged persons needing care and attention.	3
Housing defects.	15
Overcrowding.	6
Choked street gullies.	89
Dampness.	19
Rat infestation.	87
Mice infestation.	14
Choked water closets.	6
Choked waste water closets.	3
Burst water pipes.	15

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COMPLAINTS investigated during the year (continued):-

	Brought forward	257
Defective tipper to waste water closets.	1	1
Broken water closet pan.	1	1
Flooded cellars.	4	4
Choked sewer.	5	5
Defective sewer.	1	1
Defective eaves gutters.	4	4
Dilapidated water closet compartment.	3	3
Choked drain.	26	26
Flies.	2	2
Cockroaches.	5	5
Silver Fish.	2	2
Fleas.	2	2
Crickets.	2	2
Keeping of animals.	3	3
Defective roof.	1	1
Industrial dust.	2	2
Smoke emission.	1	1
Defective drainage.	3	3
Dangerous buildings.	5	5
Insufficient sanitary accommodation.	4	4
Full dustbins.	31	31
Dirty streets.	16	16
Offensive smells.	9	9
Accumulations of manure.	1	1
Dumping refuse.	13	13
Dead animals.	12	12
Defective chimney.	3	3
Insufficient dustbins.	4	4
Dirty house.	5	5
Offensive dustbins.	1	1
Defective conveniences.	3	3

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NUISANCES. defects and other conditions disclosed during the year:-i. External walls, roofs, chimneys, etc.

Defective roof slates.	7
Defective or dangerous chimney stacks.	2
Dangerous walls.	8
Defective eaves gutter.	12
Broken rainwater fall pipe.	2
Defective or choked rainwater fall pipe.	3
Defective or perished pointing.	4
Defective sky-light.	1
Broken air grates.	2
Subsidence.	1

ii. Windows, doors and floors, etc.

Broken ceiling plaster.	5
Broken door frames.	6
Defective floor boards in bedroom.	3
Broken wall plaster.	6
Broken or defective window frames.	8
Broken window sash cords.	13
Broken window pane.	1
Broken stone flag floors.	7
Rotted floor-boards.	7
Defective treads to stairs.	1
Loose hand-rail to stairs.	1

NUISANCES, defects and other conditions disclosed during the year,
(continued):-

iii. Drainage and sewerage:-

Choked drainage.	8
Choked sewers.	4
Defective drainage.	3
Absence of flushing tank to water closet.	1
Defective cistern to water closet.	2
Choked water closet.	6
Choked waste water closet.	6
Burst service pipe to water closet.	9
Broken flush pipe.	3
Defective tippler.	1
No grate to yard gully.	1

iv. General:-

No rent book.	1
Defective firegrates.	5
Smoke emission.	1
Rodent infestation.	101
Dampness, general.	15
Accumulation of refuse.	13
Refuse bins, dilapidated.	205
Offensive state of refuse bins.	2
No ventilation to habitable rooms.	3
Seepage water in cellar.	4
Defective wiring of electricity.	1
No food store.	4
No facilities for cooking food.	4

(d) Arising out of the above work, the following notices were served:-

i. Informal notices. 243

ii. Statutory notices - Public Health Act:-

Section 39. Defective drainage.	9
" 45. Defective closet.	3
" 58. Dangerous building.	17
" 75. Regulation dustbins.	2

Housing Act.

Section 9. Repairs.	1
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Factories Act.

Section 7. Sanitary Accommodation.	2
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2.(a) DEFECTS, remedied and other improvements executed:-

Waste water closets cleared.	6
Water closets cleared.	3
Water closet pedestal renewed.	1
New water closet installed.	2
Water closet cistern repaired.	1
Waste pipes repaired, etc.	2
Burst water pipes repaired.	10
External pointing carried out.	2
Window sash cords repaired.	5
Rain water pipes renewed, repaired or cleared.	7
Rat infestation dealt with.	52
Mice infestation dealt with.	14

DEFECTS, remedied and other improvements executed (continued):-

Drains repaired.	2
Roofs repaired.	3
Eaves gutters renewed, repaired or cleared.	8
Accumulations of refuse removed.	275
W.W.C. converted to F.W.C.	36
Closet compartments repaired.	1
Waste water closet tippers re-newed or repaired.	2
Electric wiring renewed.	1
Houses closed.	5
Houses demolished.	4
Internal ceiling plaster renewed.	6
Internal wall plaster renewed.	4
Drains cleared.	12
Wood floors repaired.	2
Window frames re-newed or repaired.	6
Cockroach infestations dealt with.	5
Sky-light repaired.	1
Dangerous walls dealt with.	2
Dangerous chimney stacks dealt with.	2
Sewers cleared.	6
Cesspits emptied.	1
Sewer connections re-made.	2
Doors repaired.	2
Dustbins provided or renewed.	211
Disinfestations carried out.	1
Disinfections carried out.	16
Smoky chimneys dealt with.	2
Dead animals removed.	12
Offensive smells dealt with.	9
New water closets provided.	2
New wash hand basins provided.	2

(b) Closet conversion:-	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	Total.
Applications approved.	8	15	9	15	21	14	35	32	40	189
Conversions completed.	3	9	7	18	14	10	25	36	36	158
Business premises.	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1

The Council have now resolved that the grant of £7. 10. Od., be extended to all premises in which foodstuffs are prepared for sale. Five such premises were dealt with during the year.

3.(a) FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS.INSPECTIONS.

Premises.	Number of	
	Inspections.	Written notices.
Factories with mechanical power.	28	Nil.
" without " "	50	3

3. FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS. continued.(b) DEFECTS found.

<u>Particulars.</u>	<u>Found.</u>	<u>Remedied.</u>	<u>Referred to H.M. Inspector.</u>	<u>Referred by H.M. Inspector.</u>
Unsatisfactory Sanitary conveniences.	3	-	Nil.	3

CLASSIFICATION of Factories and Workshops:-

Abrasive wheel manufacturing.	1
Abr. Crushing and Grinding.	1
Aluminium casting.	1
Bread and Confectionery.	14
Boiled Sweets makers.	2
Boot repairers and cloggers.	7
Cotton Weaving etc.	11
Cabinet makers.	1
Clothing makers.	1
Cotton waste sorter.	1
Corn grinding.	2
Dress-making, Milliners etc.	3
Drysalter.	1
Electrical generation.	1
Electrical engineering.	3
Engineering (Jobbing).	2
Fire-place makers.	1
Gas appliances maker.	1
Hospital clothing maker.	1
Iron founding.	2
Joinery.	4
Tute pulling.	1
Laundry.	1
Mortar grounding.	1
Motor vehicle repairer.	6
Monumental mason.	1
Minerals (Aerated) waters.	2
Mop makers.	1
Printers.	4
Painters.	4
Poultry plucking.	1
Potato crisps.	1
Power owners.	2
Photographers.	1
Plumbers.	4
Rag and Fent sorting.	1
Reed makers.	1
Salvage packing.	1
Size makers.	1
Tailors.	1
Tripe Dressers.	1
Wadding (Laminated).	1
Wheelwright.	1

(d) 1. The number of Factories now in the register is 11.

11. The number of workplaces now in the register is 69.

(e) The number of bakehouses in the register is now 14.

(f) To bring about closer co-operation between the local authority and H.M. Inspector of Factories, the Council now advise persons who submit plans for factory premises to consult H.M. Inspector of Factories as to whether the proposed lavatory accommodation etc., complies with legal requirements.

4. SHOPS ACT.(a) CLASSIFICATION of shops as shown in Register.

Book exchange.	1
Boots, shoes and clogs.	11
Brokers.	4
Butchers.	17
Cabinet Maker.	1
Cafe.	5
Chemist.	4
Clothier.	3
Coal merchant.	1
Cooked foods.	2
Confectioners.	19
Corn dealers.	2
Cycle dealers.	1
Draper.	14
Drysalter.	2
Dyers and Cleaners.	3
Electrical Appliances.	8
Fancy Goods.	4
Fire-range dealers.	2
Fish fryer.	12
Fish monger.	3
Furniture dealer.	5
Gas appliances.	1
Green grocers.	11
Grocers.	62
Hairdresser - Gents.	3
Hairdresser - Ladies.	6
Hardware.	10
Inn Keeper.	16
Jeweller.	2
Mineral-waters.	2
Newsagent.	7
Nursery Furniture.	1
Optician.	1
Outfitters - Gents.	4
Outfitters - Ladies.	4
Off-Licence.	12
Paint and Wall paper.	7
Photographer.	1
Petrol and Oil.	3
Pet Shop.	3
Poultry dealer.	1
Potato Crisps.	1
Potato Merchant.	1
Radio Sales.	2
Sanitary Ware.	3
Stationers.	4
Sweets and Tobacco.	8
Timber Merchant.	1
Tobacconist.	4
Wines and Spirits.	2

- (b) In accordance with the policy laid down by the County, limited inspectoral duties under the Act are delegated to the Sanitary Inspector, and in fulfilment of these duties 606 visits were undertaken.

5. OFFENSIVE TRADES:-

The following offensive trades are now in existence within the district:-

Tripe Boiler.	1
Size Maker.	1
Fish Fryers.	12

The various premises have been inspected on 31 occasions.

As there is still no evidence of the local rag dealer doing any business in bones, the premises are not included in the list of offensive trades.

Byelaws made under Section 108 of the Public Health Act, 1936, by the Council for the regulation of offensive trades, business, or manufacturers, and the trade or businesses of fish frying, now apply in the district.

The trades affected are:-

Blood boiler and dryer.
Tallow melter, fat melter or fat extractor.
Tripe boiler.
Glue maker and Size maker.
Rag and Bone dealer.
Fish Fryer.

6. Common Lodging Houses.

There is one registered common lodging house in the district.

14 inspections were made during the year.

Three aged persons were removed to hospital, one case of Tuberculosis was admitted to hospital and one aged destitute person died on the premises.

7. PET ANIMALS ACT, 1952:-

Three persons have been licensed for the keeping of pets for sale.

8. FOOD AND DRUGS.

(a) Slaughter Houses:-

Carcases and Offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part.

	Cattle Excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed (if known)	39	195	18	1160	105	Nil
Number inspected	39	195	18	1160	105	"
All diseases except Tuberculosis & Cysticerci.						
Whole carcasses condemned.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	"
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	13	12	"	187	1	"
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than T.B. and cysticerci.	33.3%	6.1%	"	16.1%	.9%	"
<u>Tuberculosis only:</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	"
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	3	18	"	"	"	"
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	7.7%	9.2%	"	"	"	"
<u>Cysticercosis</u>						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	"
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	"	"	"	"	"	"
Generalised and totally condemned	"	"	"	"	"	"

There were no cases of Cysticercus Bovis.

Carcases and Offal inspected and condemned in whole or part (continued).ORGANS CONDEMNED.

Cows Liver	37.	Ox Liver	9.	Sheep Liver	174.
" Lung	22.	" Lung	4.	" Lung	13.
" Stomach	1.	" Head	1.		
		" Heart	1.		
		" Mesentery	1.	Pig Lung	1.

ii. Slaughter of Animals (Amendment) Act, 1954.

The Slaughter of Animals (Prevention of Cruelty) Regulations, 1954 and the Slaughter of Animals (Prevention of Cruelty) (No. 2) Regulations, 1954, have been brought into operation.

Ten persons applied for and were granted licences to slaughter animals.

(b) THE PUBLIC HEALTH (Meat) Regulations, 1924.

No contraventions were observed during the year.

(c) Milk and Dairies:-

The following registrations and licensing matters were dealt with during the year:-

Number of persons registered as Distributors of Milk.	44
Number of premises registered as dairies.	6
Number of dealers licensed to use Special Designation "Tuberculin Tested".	8
Number of dealers licensed to use Special Designation "Pasteurised".	12
Number of persons licensed to use Special Designation "Sterilised".	10
Total number of approvals.	<u>80</u>

(d) Food preparation, etc.

Regular visits were made to food preparing premises, and it is a pleasure to report that it has not been necessary to make any official representation.

The following is the state of registered premises:-

Number of premises registered for sale or manufacture of ice-cream.	45
Number of premises registered for preparation or manufacture of Sausage or Potted, Pressed, Pickled or Preserved Food.	43
Total number of registrations during the year.	3

Bye-laws under Section 15 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1938, for securing the observance of sanitary and cleanly conditions and practices in connection with the handling, wrapping and delivery of food sold or intended for sale for human consumption and in connection with the sale or exposure for sale in the open air of food intended for human consumption, now apply.

Washing facilities with soap, towel, and hot water, have been made available for all renters of market stalls.

e) FOODSTUFFS:-

The following foodstuffs were examined, condemned for original use, surrendered for disposal and destroyed:-

				Cwt.	q.	lbs.	ozs.
1 x 1 lb.	Tin. Rabbit.	Australia.				1	0
1 x 1 cwt.	Bag. Peas, dried.	G.B.	1	0	0	0	0
1 x 13 oz.	Tin. Peaches.	U.S.A.					13
1 x 1 lb.	" "	South Africa.				1	0
1 x 13 oz.	" Pears.	Australia.					13
1 x 1 lb.	" Pears.	"				1	0
1 x 1.13/16 lb.	" "	U.S.A.				1	13
1 x 11.5/16 lb.	" Ham.	"				11	5
1 x 53 lb.	" Porl.	Local.	5	0	23	0	0
1 x 1 lb.	" Pears.	Northern Ireland.				1	0
2 x 1 lb.	" Peaches.	" "				2	0
1 x 14 oz.	" Tomatoes.	Italy.					14
5 x 8 oz.	" Peas.	G.B.				2	8
3 x 7 oz.	" Meat, Luncheon.	Denmark				1	5
1 x 5½ lbs.	" " "	Poland.				5	8
1 x 4 oz.	" Sardines.	Portugal.					4
1 x 4 oz.	" Shrimps.	Norway.					4
2 x 6½ lb.	" Tongue, Ox.	Holland.				13	0
7 x 1 lb.	" Peas.	G.B.				7	0
2 x 10 oz.	" Peas.	"				1	4
1 x 8 oz.	" Beans.	"					8
2 x 16 oz.	" Soup, vegetable.	"				2	0
3 x 8 oz.	" Fruit Salad.	Ireland.				1	8
1 x 16 oz.	" " "	England.				1	0
1 x 16 oz.	" Pineapple.	Malaya.				1	0
1 x 15 oz.	" Pineapple.	Australia.					15
1 x 16 oz.	" Milk, evaporated.	Northern Ireland.				1	0
1 x 8 oz.	" Steak.	" "					8
8 x 16 oz.	" Steak.	Rep. of Ireland.				8	0
4 x 6 lb.	" Beef, corned.	Australia.				24	0
1 x 1 lb.	" Apricots.	South Africa.				1	0

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68 packages weighing 7 cwt. 0 qr. 7 lb. 2 oz.

f. FOOD POISONING.

No cases of food poisoning were reported during the year.

g. Food Sampling.

13 samples of milk and 10 samples of ice-cream were taken and submitted to the Public Health Laboratory, Burnley, for Bacteriological and Biological tests. The results were as follows:-

Tubercle Bacilli.	13 samples of milk negative.
Phosphatase test.	1 " " " satisfactory.

(g)

Food Sampling (continued).

Meth. Blue:-

11 samples of milk satisfactory, 2 unsatisfactory.
 6 samples of ice-cream placed in grade 1:
 2 " " " " " " " 2.
 2 " " " " " " " 4.

56 samples of other foods including 34 of milk and those set out below were submitted to the County Analyst:-

2 Zinc ointment.	1 Dripping.
2 Ammoniated tincture of quinine.	2 Fresh cream
1 Coffee.	1 Butter.
1 Barley.	1 Custard powder.
1 Bacon.	1 Puffed wheat.
4 Jam.	1 Marmalade pudding, canned.
1 Fish, canned (Brisling in tomato).	1 Fig sponge pudding, canned.
1 Honey.	
1 Beef sausage.	

All the above samples were reported by the County Analyst to be genuine with the exception of the following:-

<u>Sample.</u>	<u>Result of Analysis.</u>	<u>Action Taken.</u>
1 Ammoniated tincture of quinine.	Ammonia 0.75% w/v. Deficient 0.1% of the minimum amount of ammonia.	Vendor communicated with.
1 Formal milk.	Deficient 3.3% fat.	Vendor notified.
1 Fish, canned (Brisling in tomato).	Tin blown and contents contained 310 parts per million of tin.	Suggested that further sample be obtained from same stock, but found that there was no stock remaining.
1 Informal milk.	The Freezing point indicated the presence of 1.1% of extraneous water.	Vendor cautioned and further sample obtained.
1 Formal milk.	Deficient 11.6% and low in solids-not-fat.	Vendor notified.
1 Formal milk.	Deficient 3.3% fat.) Same vendor.) Vendor cautioned and further samples obtained.))
1 Formal milk.	The Freezing point indicated the presence of 1.0% of extraneous water.	
1 Formal milk.	Deficient 1.6% fat.	Vendor notified.

9. DERATISATION AND DISINFESTATION.(a) Rodent Control:-

	Local Authority.	Dwelling Houses Inc. Council Houses.	All other (including Business Premises).	Total of Cols.(1) (2)&(3)	Agri- cultural.
i. Number of properties in Local Authority District.	4	3614	363	3981	14
ii. Number of properties inspected as a result of:-					
(a) Notification		79	8	87	
(b) Survey under the Act.	4		158	162	14
(c) Otherwise.		201	302	503	
iii. Total inspections carried out including re-inspections.	655	398	772	1825	28
iv. Number of properties inspected which were found to be infested with					
(a) Rats.	4	43	8	55	
(b) Mice.		10	4	14	
v. Number of infested properties treated by the L.A.	4	53	12	69	
vi. Total treatments carries out incl.re-treatments	14	61	27	102	
vii. Number of notices served under Section 4 of the Act.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
(b) Structural work.	"	2	"	2	"
viii. Number of cases in which default action was taken following the issue of a notice under Sect. 4 of the Act.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
ix. Legal Proceedings.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
x. Number of 'block' control schemes carried out.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.

9. DERATISATION AND DISINFESTATION (Continued):-

- (b) The technique advised by the Pest Control Division of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, was applied in all treatments, and when necessary, a change was made from sausage rusk bait and zinc phosphide poison, to damp bread mash bait, and arsenic oxide poison. Warfarin is now frequently used as a bait.

The North East Lancashire Advisory Committee held one meeting during the year.

(c) DISINFESTATION:-

Eight premises were dealt with for vermin; five for cockroaches, two for fleas and one for crickets. The refuse tip at Lumb Wood was periodically dusted with D.D.T. powder to ensure cockroach and cricket control.

10. INFECTIOUS DISEASES:-

The following table gives the number of notifications of infectious diseases and of cases removed to Isolation Hospital.

<u>Disease.</u>	<u>Notified.</u>	<u>Removed to hospital.</u>
Scarlet Fever.	15	2
Measles.	191	-
Whooping Cough.	2	-
Chicken Pox.	3	-
Tuberculosis:-		
Respiratory.	4	3
Non-respiratory.	1	1

16 premises were disinfected by spraying after infectious diseases.

11. HOUSING:-

- (a) Number of new houses erected during the year. 38
 (b) Number of houses erected under the various acts:-

i.	Housing Act.	1919.	31
ii.	Housing Act.	1923/24.	170
iii.	Housing Act.	1930/36.	228
iv.	Housing Act.	1936/46.	21
v.	Housing Act.	1946/51.	228
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(c) Overcrowding:-

No overcrowding, as set down in the Housing Act, was observed during the year although seven cases of complaints by tenants were submitted to the Committee.

HOUSING (continued):-Repairs:-No. of
Houses.

- (iv) Rendered fit - informal action. 64
- (v) Public Health Act.
Defects remedied - By owners. Nil.
By L.A. Nil.
- (vi) Housing Act, 1936.
(a) Made fit (Sections 9,10,11 and 16) By owners. 2
(b) " " " " " By L.A. 1
- (vii) One certificate of disrepair was issued and later rescinded on completion of the necessary work.
- (viii) Detailed list of houses dealt with.

<u>Address.</u>	<u>Order.</u>	<u>Persons affected.</u>
16 Adamson Street.	Section 11.	2 adults. 3 children.
19 North Street.	" "	1 "
21 North Street.	" "	1 "
23 North Street.	" "	1 "
70 Station Road.	" "	Vacant house.
4 Finch Street.	" 25	" "
6 Finch Street.	" "	2 adults.
8 Finch Street.	" "	2 adults. 3 children.
2 Tattersall Street.	" "	2 " 3 "
4 " "	" "	2 " 1 "
12 Ightenhill Street.	" 11	2 "
3 Dove Street.	" 25	Vacant house.
9 North Street.	" "	" "
7 " "	" "	1 adult.

12. SOCIAL WELFARE:-

The Health Department continues to be available for liason work. The principle activity has been to provide contact with the Home Help Organiser. Eleven cases were dealt with.

Three cases of aged persons needing care were investigated, and passed on to the proper authority and were eventually admitted to hospital

13. SMOKE OBSERVATIONS:-

A cinema show was organised to stimulate interest in smoke abatement. Although all persons concerned in this subject were invited, the attendance was very poor.

The "Clean Air Bill" is still being considered by Parliament.

14. RAG FLOCK AND OTHER FILLING MATERIALS ACT, 1951:-

Both firms previously operating from licensed premises have not applied for renewal of their licences.

15. HEATING APPLIANCES (FIREGUARDS) ACT, 1952:-

No contraventions observed.

11. HOUSING (continued):-

The following list does give a complete picture of the housing demands for the district:-

<u>In Lodgings.</u>	<u>Padiham.</u>	<u>Out of District.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Man & Wife - No Children.	21	15	36
Man & Wife - One Child.	24	4	28
Man & Wife - Two Children.	10	-	10
Man & Wife - Three Children.	2	-	2
Man & Wife - Four Children.	1	1	2
	58	20	78

<u>Tenants of Houses.</u>	<u>Padiham.</u>	<u>Out of District.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Man & Wife - No Children.	51	10	61
Man & Wife - One Child.	69	17	86
Man & Wife - Two Children.	87	14	101
Man & Wife - Three Children.	30	11	41
Man & Wife - Four Children.	7	1	8
Man & Wife - Five Children.	5	-	5
Man & Wife - Six Children.	2	-	2
Man & Wife - Eight Children.	1	-	1
	252	53	305

Elderly Person's Bungalows.

In Lodgings.	6	3	9
Tenants of Houses.	115	19	134
	121	22	143

Grand Total 526

Housing development in hand at the end of the year was:-

- i. St. Johns Rd., No. 4 Scheme - 4 aged persons bungalows.
- ii. St. Johns Rd., No. 5 Scheme - 18 two bedroom type houses.
- iii. St. Johns Rd., Eight semi-detached houses.
- iv. Grove Lane. One bungalow.

(d) Demolition and Closing Orders.		Number of	
		Houses	Persons displaced.
(i) <u>Housing Act 1936.</u>			
(a) Demolished. Section 11.		Nil.	Nil.
(b) Closed - undertaking- still in force.		6	13
(c) Part closed - Section 12.		Nil.	Nil.
(ii) <u>Housing Act 1949.</u>			
(a) Closing Orders. Section 3 (1)		Nil.	Nil.
(b) Demolition Orders. Section 3 (2)		Nil.	Nil.
(iii) <u>Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1953.</u>			
Closing Orders made under Section 10 (1)		Nil.	Nil.

16. ACCIDENTS IN THE HOME:-

Arising out of the report of the Standing Interdepartmental Committee on Accidents in the Home, one representative meeting was convened.

A policy of propaganda by displays of posters and the distribution of handbills was pursued.

17. REPORTS SUBMITTED TO THE COUNCIL:-

- (a) 12 monthly reports.
- (b) 7 reports relating to alleged overcrowding.

18. PUBLIC CLEANSING:-

- (a) A fortnightly collection service has been maintained throughout the year except on the occasions where there have been breaks for holiday periods and bad weather.

The policy of urging householders to report full ashbins has met with a degree of success. The number of reports increased from 66 in 1954 to 313 in 1955.

Routine in the collection service has been maintained. The number of loads of domestic refuse dealt with are indicated in the following table:-

Table 1.	No of loads Collected.	Approximate weight in Tons.
1946	1,742	Not recorded.
1947	1,592	2,796
1948	1,607	2,716
1949	1,657	2,709
1950	1,644	2,905
1951	1,665	2,950
1952	1,680	3,092
1953	1,555	3,016
1954	1,672	3,310
1955	1,657	3,113

(b) TRADE REFUSE:-

The weekly service for the collection of clinkers from bakehouses, trade premises, schools, chapels, and workshops, has been maintained. 845 loads of refuse weighing approximately 1,124 tons was removed.

604 calls were made for the removal of extraneous materials from domestic and trade premises.

(c) REFUSE DISPOSAL:-

The controlled tip activities continued satisfactorily, and none of the fears regarding rat infestation, nuisance from smells, and the inadequate disposal of organic matter, have materialised. The following table shows the number of loads of refuse dealt with:-

Table 11.	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.	1955.
Number of loads of household refuse deposited on tip.	1,644	1,665	1,680	1,635	1,672	1,657
Number of loads of other refuse deposited on tip.	2,328	2,274	1,989	1,783	1,961	1,690
	3,972	3,939	3,669	3,418	3,533	3,347

18. PUBLIC CLEANSING (continued),-

Damage on the tip by trespassers, is less of a problem and source of worry than in previous years. A steady diminution of this trouble is evident now the tip faces are becoming less accessible.

(d) STREET SCAVENGING:-

The scavenging of streets is carried out by a mechanical street sweeper and two men with bins and hand trucks.

The mechanical road sweeper has been in use for the full year and its practical value is now beyond doubt a qualified success. 323 tons of "sweepings" were collected.

The more efficient road sweeping service has been maintained at a lower cost than by manual sweeping method.

The gullying machine has maintained a steady routine. The cleansing cycle is as follows:-

- i. Mains - at six weeks intervals.
- ii. District Roads (frontages). - at 12 week intervals.
- iii. District Roads (back streets). - at 16 week intervals.

(e) URINALS AND PUBLIC LAVATORIES:-

The two urinals and three public lavatories were cleansed daily throughout the year. The Cleansing standard has been maintained resulting in fewer complaints. New lighting has been installed in the Station Road Ladies conveniences.

(f) TRANSPORT:-

The departmental transport has functioned without serious breakdown, except in the case of the mechanical sweeper which developed a defect in the transmission.

Minor defects in the refuse collecting trucks are now occurring at more frequent intervals.

19. SALVAGE:-

The price of waste paper rose from £7.10.0d., to £8. 10. 0d., and fell again to £8. 0. 0d., per ton.

2,150 bales of waste paper were packed and dispatched as against 1,690 for the previous year, an increase of 460 bales.

Table iii. TONNAGE COLLECTED:-

<u>Year.</u>	<u>Paper.</u>			<u>Textiles.</u>			<u>Scrap.</u>		
	<u>T.</u>	<u>C.</u>	<u>Q.</u>						
1941	52.	5.	2.						
1942	49.	4.	1.						
1943	44.	12.	1.						
1944	39.	17.	0.						
1945	27.	11.	2.						
1946	28.	8.	0.						
1947	68.	2.	3.	13.	5.	2.	6.	12.	2.
1948	92.	17.	2.	10.	12.	1.	8.	14.	1.
1949	117.	5.	0.	10.	4.	0.	8.	12.	3.
1950	91.	7.	3.	4.	1.	3.	2.	8.	0.
1951	114.	9.	2.	11.	9.	1.	8.	7.	1.
1952	94.	18.	3.	10.	4.	1.	3.	2.	0.
1953	110.	12.	3.	6.	1.	2.	1.	1.	3.
1954	149.	6.	1.	9.	14.	2.	4.	16.	2.
1955	173.	17.	3.	7.	16.	3.	3.	11.	0.

Table iv. REVENUE FROM SALVAGE SINCE INCEPTION:-

<u>Period.</u>	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Yearly average.</u>
1941/1950. (10 years)	£5900.	£590.
1951/1955. (5 years)	£6268.	£1253.
1955. (1 year)	£1523.	£1523.

It appears that the peak of waste paper sales income has been reached and that a decline in prices will occur in the near future.

Table v. REVENUE FROM SALVAGE FOR 1955 COMPARED WITH 1954.

	<u>1954.</u>			<u>1955.</u>					
	<u>T.</u>	<u>C.</u>	<u>Q.</u>	<u>£.</u>	<u>s.</u>	<u>d.</u>	<u>T.</u>	<u>C.</u>	<u>Q.</u>
Waste Paper.	149.	6.	1.	976.	8.	2.	173.	17.	3.
Textiles.	9.	14.	2.	72.	1.	6.	7.	16.	3.
Black Scrap.	4.	16.	0.	16.	17.	11.	3.	11.	0.
Scrap tin.	17.	0.	0.	8.	10.	0.	15.	0.	0.
Scrap Alum.		6.	0.	17.	0.	0.		3.	0.
	181.	3.	1.	1090.	17.	7.	200.	8.	2.

20. APPRECIATION:-

Again I would like to express my sincere thanks to the Chairman of the Council, the Chairman of the Health Committee, the Clerk of the Council, the Medical Officer of Health, and members of the staff who have assisted me in so many ways in carrying out the many duties of the office.

I am,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

J. Newell

A.R.San.l., M.S.I.A.

Sanitary Inspector and
Cleansing Superintendent.



